IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-3, 6, 11, 13 and 16-18 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Ten Times Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols, said apparatus comprising:

a detector circuit adapted to detect ID information for a calling station before a start of communication with the calling station, on the occasion of reception of a call;

a memory adapted to store a facsimile protocol in association with the ID information of the calling station; and

a control circuit adapted to start a facsimile protocol stored in said memory corresponding to the ID information detected by said detector circuit, or to start a facsimile protocol to determine a facsimile protocol to be used, according to whether or not a facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected by said detector circuit is stored in said memory, after having made a response to the call.

2. (Five Times Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the calling station and the facsimile protocol in said memory in accordance with the executed facsimile protocol.

3. (Five Times Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ID information for identifying the calling station is telephone number information,

and when telephone number information designated on the occasion of issuing a call is registered in said registration circuit, the facsimile protocol executed corresponding to the telephone number information is registered.

6. (Nine Times Amended) A communication method adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols, said method comprising:

a detection step, of detecting ID information of a calling station before a start of communication with the calling station, on the occasion of reception of a call;

a memory step, of storing in a memory a facsimile protocol in association with the ID information of the calling station; and

a control step of starting a facsimile protocol, stored in the memory, corresponding to the ID information detected in said detection step or of starting a facsimile protocol to determine a facsimile protocol to be used, according to whether or not a facsimile protocol corresponding to the ID information detected in said detection step is stored in the memory, after having made a response to the call.

11. (Six Times Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:

a receiver circuit adapted to receive ID information of a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to image communication, on the occasion of reception of a call; and

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a control circuit adapted to conduct communication based on an image communication protocol corresponding to the ID information received by said receiver circuit, or to conduct communication to determine an image communication protocol to be used, according to whether or not the ID information is received by said receiver circuit, after having made a response to the call.

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13. (Five Times Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, further comprising a memory for storing, in association with each of a plurality of bodies of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of the calling stations, a communication protocol that the respective calling station can utilize, wherein said control circuit selects at least one communication protocol based on the ID information received by said receiver circuit and the registered ID information stored in said memory.

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16. (Thrice Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a count circuit adapted to count a number of communications performed to each at the calling station corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in said memory, wherein said updating circuit updates the respective communication protocol for each calling station when said count circuit has counted a predetermined number of communications for the calling station.

17. (Thrice Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ID information received by said receiver circuit is a telephone number of the calling station.